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Mr. Wood
Numismatic Society
Broadway and 156th St.
New York City

My dear Mr. Wood:

I am returning to you by registered mail
herewith the two copies of the Congressional Medal of Honor and
the Button which you were good enough to let us have recently.
They were very helpful to us and I trust the length of time we
have been obliged to retain them has not inconvenienced you.

Yours very truly,

CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS

S. Elizabeth Healy
Art Department

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April 22, 1930

Charles Scribner's Sons
597 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Attention Miss E. H. Noel, Art Department.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith is the photograph which you ordered. In giving you the denominations of the coins I made the error of telling you that the largest one was sixteen uncia's (ounces) on the Libra (pound); instead it is only twelve uncia's, -one-sixth of a Libra. The bill for the print is enclosed,

Yours very truly,

Assistant Curator.



CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS

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597 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK

April 28, 1930.

Mr. Robert Robertson, Assistant Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Streets,
New York.

My dear Mr. Robertson :

Thank you for your letter and the print of the coins. It is remarkably clear - especially the signatures on the continental currency. I have noted what you say about the Roman coin and have corrected my title matter accordingly.

I am enclosing our check for the print.

Thanking you again, I am

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Noel

Art Department.



CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS
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597 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

May 8, 1930.

Mr. Robert Robertson,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York.

My dear Mr. Robertson :

I find that we need one more coin for Professor Wrench's history, and wonder if you have it. It is a "unite " of James I of England, date 1604. I understand that this was the first coin to bear the words Great Britain, so no other date would do. If you have this please photograph it and send it and the bill to me. If you haven't, however, don't bother to let me know.

With many thanks for your help, I am

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth H. Noel

Elizabeth H. Noel.
Art Department.

May 12, 1930

Charles Scribner's Sons
597 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Atten. Miss Elizabeth H. Noel, Art. Dept.

Gentlemen:

On the 20th of October 1604, a proclamation was issued ordering the title of King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, to be used on the coins, and on the 11th of November an ~~in~~enture for a new coinage was made. The union of the kingdoms is referred to both in the names and in the legends of these coins. The UNITE reads "FACIAM EOS IN GENTEM UNAM" from Ezek. XXXVII.22. None of these coins bear a written date but have a small device preceding the legend which denotes the time of issue, viz: a LIS - May 22, 1604. a ROSE June 20, 1605, an ESCALLOP July 10, 1606. The photog we enclose have the latter device, but otherwise it is exactly like the one with the LIS. A charge of \$1.00 will be made if you can use the photos, otherwise please return them to us.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Curator.



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597 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK

May 16, 1930.

Mr. Robert Robertson,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Robertson :

Thank you so much for the photograph of the
unite of James I and all the information about it.
It is just what we wanted. We therefore enclose
our check for one dollar as per your letter.

Thanking you again, we are

Yours very truly,

CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS.

Elizabeth H. Noel

Elizabeth H. Noel
Art Department.

August 22, 1930

Charles Scribner's & Sons
597 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Attention Miss E. Noel

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am enclosing one photograph with bill to cover,
and under separate cover I am forwarding to you your bronze medal.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Curator.



CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS

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597 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK

November 5, 1930.

Mr. Robert Robertson,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York.

My dear Mr. Robertson :

We received your photographs of the aureii of Augustus several days ago, and have selected one of the ones coined before his death as you suggested.

I enclose seventy cents instamps and the bill. I hope that this mode of payment is satisfactory to you.

Thanking you again, I am,

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth V. Joel

Art Department



CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS

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597 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK

December 17, 1930.

Mr. Robert Robertson,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York.

My dear Mr. Robertson :

We are getting out another history, this time by Professor Wilbur C. Gordy and Frederic Ernst of the New York Board of Education. In this we want to show two kinds of early United States currency. The first kind is that issued by the Continental Congress during the Revolution, and the second issued by one of the separate states during the period after the Revolution but before the Constitution was ratified. On the last I have seen reproduced a paper bill issued by Rhode Island in 1786 for six pence but no doubt you will pick out the best one of this type for me.

Hall & Sellers

Would you be so kind as to send me photographs of these two different types, and bill us for the same.

We of course will give credit to the Numismatic Society with each of our reproductions.

With many thanks, I am

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth H. Noel

Elizabeth H. Noel.
Art Department.

Both bills are printed by Hall and Sellers, Philadelphia.
The U. S. bill has on its reverse a large leaf
and the name of the printer only.
The R. I. bill has the following: The United
States enjoin the payment of the within bill, and
will draw bills of exchange for the interest annually,
if demanded, according to a resolution of
Congress of the 18th of March 1780.
And the printers names.



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597 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

December 23, 1930.

Mr. Robert Robertson,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Robertson :

Since my letter of December 17 a need has arisen for various other types of coins, bills, and notes, this time to be used in a history of the United States for high schools by Professor C. C. Van Ness. The things we need are as follows :

Treasury note of time of Mexican War, 1846.

Legal tender note of 1862.

Spanish American war bond.

We also need war tax stamps of the kind put on cigarettes, cosmetics, and luxuries in general during the world war, in case those would be included in your collection,

Also pine tree shilling.

Scrip covering interest on money borrowed by the U.S. under French loan to America, 1777.

First paper money in the Colonies, Massachusetts 1690, or do we have to write to the American Antiquarian Society for this.

I realize this is quite a large request, but hope you'll be so very kind as to send us photos of what you have and charge us for the same.

If you would prefer for me to come up to the society and go over this list with you I will gladly do so, but you know so much more about it that I should think it would be better for you to get the things together whenever you have the spare time. I am sure your judgement is impeccable.

Hoping that this will meet with your satisfaction, and with many thanks, I am

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth H. Noel.
Art Department.

Dec. 26, 1930

Charles Scribner's Sons
597 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Attention Miss Elizabeth H. Noel

My dear Miss Noel:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd, I am sorry to state that as our Museum does not collect paper money to any extent, we are unable to supply the paper items for which you now ask. We are not familiar with the Treasury Note of the Mexican War; the Legal tender note of 1862 is obtainable, but I doubt very much whether you would be allowed to reproduce it even for a textbook, and likewise with the first mentioned item. We do not have a Spanish American war bond and this too, I believe would not be reproducible. I am very sure that you could not illustrate the tax stamps. However, we can photograph for you the Pine Tree shilling, and we may possibly be able to photograph for you the script covering interest on money borrowed on the French loan, but I do not know which it is. Could you give a fuller description of this last item? We do not have a specimen of the Massachusetts note of 1690; probably the Antiquarian Society would have this, and also you might try the Massachusetts Historical Society. We will hold the photographing of the Pine Tree shilling until we have word from you concerning the French note.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

December 29th 1930

Charles Scribner's Sons

597 Fifth Avenue

New York City

Attention Miss Elizabeth H. Noel

Dear Miss Noel:

I am enclosing prints of the two bills you requested, and our invoice for \$3.50 to cover. Both bills are printed by Hall and Sellers, Philadelphia. The U. S. bill has on its reverse a large leaf; the R. I. bill has the following: The United States enjure the payment of the within bill, and will draw bills of exchange for the interest annually, if demanded, according to a resolution of Congress of the 18th of March 1780. It also has the printer's name on it. If you would like to have photographs of these reverses we shall be glad to furnish them.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to the Curator.



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597 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

December 4, 1931

American Numismatic Society
Broadway and 156th Street
New York City

Gentlemen:

We are about to publish an elementary History
of the United States by Miss Marion G. Clark of the
New Jersey Board of Education in which we would like to

reproduce cuts of various coins and notes,- namely

- (a) Promissory note such as soldiers were paid with
during and after the Revolution
- (b) Silver pieces (contemporary with the above) of
Spain, France, Germany, and Holland
- (c) Confederate money

Could you let us have photographs, or other copy suitable for
reproduction, of the above to be used in the History we have
mentioned? If you have no material available could you have
photostats made at our expense?

We will, of course, be glad to see that your Society
is mentioned in a credit line which will accompany the cuts.

Thanking you for your help in this matter, we are

Very truly yours

CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS

Frederic F. Brinton
Art Department

December 7, 1931.

Charles Scribner's Sons
597 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

Gentlemen: Attention: Florence F. Brinton
Art Department

Your favor at hand and we can make photographs, for Miss Clark's History of the United States, of the various things you desire. Photographs for illustrations would be far better than photostats. We would suggest photographing the following, and then you can make your choice.

Six dollar note of the United States colonies dated November 2, 1776.

Fifty dollar note of the United States dated January 1779. These show the two phases of the government at that time and also illustrate, by the denominations, the depreciation of the money.

For silver pieces we could use the Hessian thaler. We have one dated 1778, which is supposed to have been made for the payment of the Hessian troops, but this is not a positive fact.

For the Spanish coins we could illustrate a Spanish two real piece - the pistareen of the colonists, and, a Spanish American eight real piece struck in Mexico - the pillar dollar of our early days.

For a French piece we might show the silver ecu of Louis XVI.

The Dutch piece, at the time of the revolution, would not be the old dog dollar of the earlier colonists but the daalder which showed a standing knight in armour on one side and the shield of Holland on the other.

For the Confederate money, this would have to be paper money. We could illustrate one of the very rare notes of May 1861, issued when the capital was at Montgomery; one of the later crude five dollar notes of 61, when the capital was at Richmond, and, one of the interest bearing one hundred dollar notes of 1862, which bore interest at two cents a day.

If you have any other suggestions, please let us know at once, as we will be photographing these shortly.

Very truly yours,

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Curator



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NEW YORK

December 8, 1931

Mr Howland Wood
Curator of the American Numismatic Society
Broadway and 156th Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you for your trouble in hunting up the
various coins and pieces of money.

We have no suggestions to make as your list
is most comprehensive and if you will have photographs made of
those you mentioned, we will be most awfully much obliged.

Will you please bill us for whatever the
amount of the photostats is, and have them mailed to us when
they are ready?

Very truly yours

CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS

Art Department

Frederic F. Brinton

December 17, 1931.

Charles Scribner's Sons
597 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

Gentlemen: Attention: Florence F. Brinton

We are herewith enclosing the various photographs you ordered the other day. We are sorry if we have delayed you any. I have written on the back of each the information about them. We are herewith enclosing bill. Trusting these photographs are satisfactory and if there is anything further you wish or any further information you desire, please let us know, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

HW: JG

Curator



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597 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

April 22, 1932

Mr. Robert Robertson
American Numismatic Society
Broadway and 156th Street
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Robertson:

Has the Numismatic Society in their collection a facsimilie of one of the Loan Certificates of the Domestic Debt which Hamilton refunded about 1790? Have you in addition to this any one of the counterfeit bills, so many of which were in existence around 1835 and 1840?

If you have these could you supply us with photographs which we might reproduce in a history of the United States by Dr. James Truslow Adams which we are to publish shortly?

Thanking you and trusting that we may be favored with an early reply, we are,

Very truly yours,

CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS

J. Agnew & Sons

SEDEVOY/B

April 23, 1932.

Miss S. Elizabeth DeVoy
Charles Scribner's Sons
597 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

Dear Miss DeVoy:

In regard to your letter of April 22nd we would refer you to Mr. Farran Zerbe of the Chase National Bank, 18 Pine Street, New York City. They have a very large collection of paper money and possibly could supply you with photographs of the pieces you desire. We have none of the pieces for which you ask.

Very truly yours,

RR:JG

Assistant Curator